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that we continue the model that causes local districts to tax and spend more, this time in the name of receiving state aid, which is still the old model. Tax and spend more and we will give you more state aid. That is not the model that we have carried out in other distribution formulas or other rationales for delivering state aid. In all other instances, we have tried to deliver state aid where it is needed, based on objective considerations, not just because you taxed and spent. Delivering state aid just because you tax and spend is a tired, worn, outdated model. It is not, obviously, a model that I endorse for this Legislature and I wish that we could do something else in the NRD model, and I see no sense in adopting Senator Beutler's model which simply enhances that old ineffective and inequitable model. I don't know whether I'm supposed to take umbrage on behalf of NRDs when Senator Beutler suggests they haven't done their job. Obviously, Senator Beutler means they haven't done their job in his eyes. You reside in those NRD districts and I'm assuming you will make your own judgment about whether you think they have done their job. Senator Beutler's assessment of whether they have done their job or not is, I believe, his. Your assessment of whether or not they have done their job should be yours, and it should be yours and the constituents that they serve and the cost that they are willing to bear and the needs that they have to meet with the costs that they are willing to bear. I cannot quite get my...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...arms around what Senator Beutler is proposing, that you ask NRDs to do except to tax and spend more so you can get a few more dollars of state aid. That is not a model that I want to recommend to you. In fact, I think we should have a more comprehensive and thoughtful model that delivers state aid to NRDs based on need, and that equalizes and distributes state aid to NRDs that, in fact, need our assistance to carry out the programs that are important. The amendment that Senator Beutler brings to you does none of that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Schrock on AM0623, amendment to LB 329.